

REMARKS

This is submitted as a full and complete response to the outstanding Official Letter.

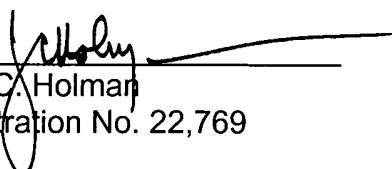
The Examiner has required an election of species noting that there are three pending claims in this application, claims 3, 4 and 10. The Examiner has grouped the species as Group I, claims directed to the preparing of a foreproduct of a sealing device and radiating the frustoconical surface; and Group II, claims directed to preparing a sheet or a washer-like annular member and radiating a predetermined surface of the sheet. The applicant herewith elects to continue prosecution on the species of Group I, namely claims 3 and 4. This election is made without traverse and the non-elected claim 10 is retained in the application pending either the allowance of a generic or sub-generic claim or the filing of a further divisional application.

Early examination on the elected species is courteously awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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